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(CST): REPORT ON JUNE 19 MEETING OF AD HOC GROUP ON ENERGY R & D

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1. SUMMARY: AD HOC GROUP, CHAIRED BY CST CHAIRMAN COLOMBO, REACHED AGREEMENT TO CARRY OUT ANALYTICAL SURVEY OF NATIONAL ENERGY R & D PROGRAMS AND STRATEGIES AS CONTRIBUTION TO OVERALL OECD ENERGY STUDY AS WELL AS PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL R & D POLICIES. THIS PROPOSED SURVEY, TO BE FURTHER ELABORATED FROM COUNTRY SUGGESTIONS AND REVIEWED AT SEPT 21 MEETING OF AD HOC GROUP, WILL BE CONSIDERED AT NOVEMBER CST MEETING WITH OBJECTIVE OF COMPLETION BY EARLY FALL, 1974. ACTION REQUESTED: EARLY SUBMISSION TO SECRETARIAT OF BACKGROUND INFO ON US ENERGY R & D SURVEYS ( PARA 5, BELOW). END SUMMARY.

2. AD HOC GROUP MEETING CHAIRED BY CST CHAIRMAN COLOMBO ( ITALY)  
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ATTENDED BY GOVERNMENT REPS FROM FRANCE, THE NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND AND THE US BACKED UP BY OECD STAFF FROM SCIENCE, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATES. STATUS REPORT PRESENTED ON OVERALL OECD ENERGY STUDY AND RELATED WORK OF ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND NEA COMMITTEES. PARTICULAR ATTENTION GIVEN TO STATEMENT OF US VIEWS ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON ENERGY R & D, WHICH WAS DRAWN FROM REF TEL ( A ) AND TABLED AT AD HOC GROUP MEETING IN FORM OF LETTER TO CHAIRMAN COLOMBO FROM USOED. PRIOR CONSULTATIONS WITH COLOMBO MOST USEFUL IN GUIDING MEETING ALONG LINES IN BEST INTERESTS TO US.

3. SECRETARIAT NOTE, REF DOC ( B ), CONTAINING SUGGESTIONS FOR STUDY ON R & D ASPECTS OF ENERGY PROBLEMS AND BASED TO LARGE DEGREE ON US INITIATIVE AT MINISTERIAL COUNCIL MEETING, WELL RECEIVED BY AED HOC GROUP. BECAUSE OF PROBABLE MASSIVE INFO INVOLVED IN PROPOSED DETAILED INVENTORY ON ENERGY R & D PROJECTS ( PARA 21 ), AD HOC GROUP FELT MORE MEANINGFUL FIRST STAGE WOULD BE ANALYTICAL SURVEY OF NATIONAL ENERGY R & D PROGRAMS AIMED AT NEEDS OF DECISION MAKERS OT CLARIFY PROBLEMS, HIGHLIGHT R & D STRATEGIES AS PART OF NATIONAL ENERGY POLICIES, AND IDENTIFY PRIORITY AREAS FOR COOPERATIVE EFFORTS. THIS SURVEY TO BE INITIATED FOLLOWING NOVEMBER 1973 CST MEETING, WITH COMPLETION BY EARLY AUTUMN 1974 AS CONTRIBUTION TO OVERALL OECD ENERGY STUDY. DETAILED INVENTORY IN CERTAIN AREAS COULD BE SUBSEQUENT FOLLOW UP WITH OBJECTIVE OF PROVIDING CLEARINGHOUSE ON R & D PROJECTS/ PLANS/ PRIORITIES AMONG MEMBER COUNTRIES.

4. AD HOC GROUP RECOMMENDED PRIORITY ATTENTION BE DEVOTED TO PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH FORMULATION, IMPLEMENTATION OVERALL R & D ENERGY STRATEGIES AS PART OF NATIONAL ENERGY POLICIES IN CONTRAST TO GENERALLY CURRENT SITUATION OF UNRELATED RESEARCH EFFORTS STIMULATED BY TECHNICAL INTERESTS OF RESEARCHERS AND OFTEN NOT REFLECTING ECONOMIC REALITIES OR COHERENT NATIONAL PLANNING OBJECTIVES. US REP ALSO STRESSED NEED TO ( A ) EXPLORE POSSIBLE MECHANISMS FOR ASSURING/ ACCELERATING COOPERATION IN PRIORITY AREAS ON BOTH GOVERNMENTAL AND INDUSTRIAL LEVELS, AND ( B ) GIVE ATTENTION TO R & D PROGRAMS DIRECTED TOWARD ENERGY CONSERVATION.

5. SECRETARIAT TO SEND LETTER TO CST BY END JUNE REPORTING ON AD HOC GROUP MEETING AND REQUESTING ( A ) REACTIONS TO PROPOSALS FOR PROGRAM OF AD HOC GROUP AND ( B ) BACKGROUND INFO ON EXISTING UNCLASSIFIED

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NATIONAL SURVEYS ON RESEARCH PROGRAMS/ PLANS/ R& D STRATEGIES FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING OF AD HOC GROUP SCHEDULED FOR SEPT 21. IN MEANTIME SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE DRAFT QUERY TO MEMBER

GOVERNMENTS INITIATING ANALYTICAL SURVEY ( PARA 3, ABOVE) FOR  
REVIEW BY AD HOC GROUP AT NEXT MEETING. BROWN

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